

**Idaho Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Basic Life Support Psychomotor Examination**



SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION (SUPINE PATIENT)

Candidate: _____ Examiner: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Actual Time Started: _____

	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Takes or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs assistant to place/maintain head in the neutral, in-line position	1	
Directs assistant to maintain manual stabilization of the head	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity	1	
Applies appropriately sized extrication collar	1	
Positions the immobilization device appropriately	1	
Directs movement of the patient onto the device without compromising the integrity of the spine	1	
Applies padding to voids between the torso and the device as necessary	1	
Immobilizes the patient's torso to the device	1	
Evaluates and pads behind the patient's head as necessary	1	
Immobilizes the patient's head to the device	1	
Secures the patient's legs to the device	1	
Secures the patient's arms to the device	1	
Reassesses motor, sensory, and circulatory function in each extremity	1	
Actual Time Ended: _____	TOTAL	14

Critical Criteria

- ___ Failure to take or verbalize appropriate body substance isolation precautions
- ___ Failure to immediately direct or take manual stabilization of the head
- ___ Failure to properly apply appropriately sized cervical collar before ordering release of manual stabilization
- ___ Released or ordered release of manual stabilization before it was maintained mechanically
- ___ Manipulated or moved the patient excessively causing potential for spinal compromise
- ___ Head immobilized to the device **before** device sufficiently secured to the torso
- ___ Patient moves excessively up, down, left, or right on the device
- ___ Head immobilization allows for excessive movement
- ___ Upon completion of immobilization, head is not in a neutral, in-line position
- ___ Did not reassess motor, sensory, and circulatory functions in each extremity after immobilizing patient to the device
- ___ Uses or orders a dangerous or inappropriate intervention

You must factually document your rationale for checking any of the above critical items in the space below.

Comments:

